

Saxongate - Important time critical updates / new public consultation

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Further to our update last week. On Monday 20th May Fenland District Council voted overwhelmingly to push for better regulations for the use of Unbound Incinerator Bottom Ash Aggregate. This is another important success for Saxongate to help avoid needless industrial pollution (see last week's update for the full details on the agreed proposals).

The consultation. Some of you may recall the long-running issue that surface water from Saxon Pit is regularly being pumped into the Kings Dyke from a Lagoon to prevent the site turning into a lake (it is a sealed clay pit). This should be sanctioned with a trade effluent discharge Permit from the Environment Agency (EA). This issue has been raised by the public and Saxongate for a number of years. Our MP Stephen Barclay also wrote to the EA several times highlighting this issue. Fenland District Council have also asked the EA why no enforcement action was being taken.

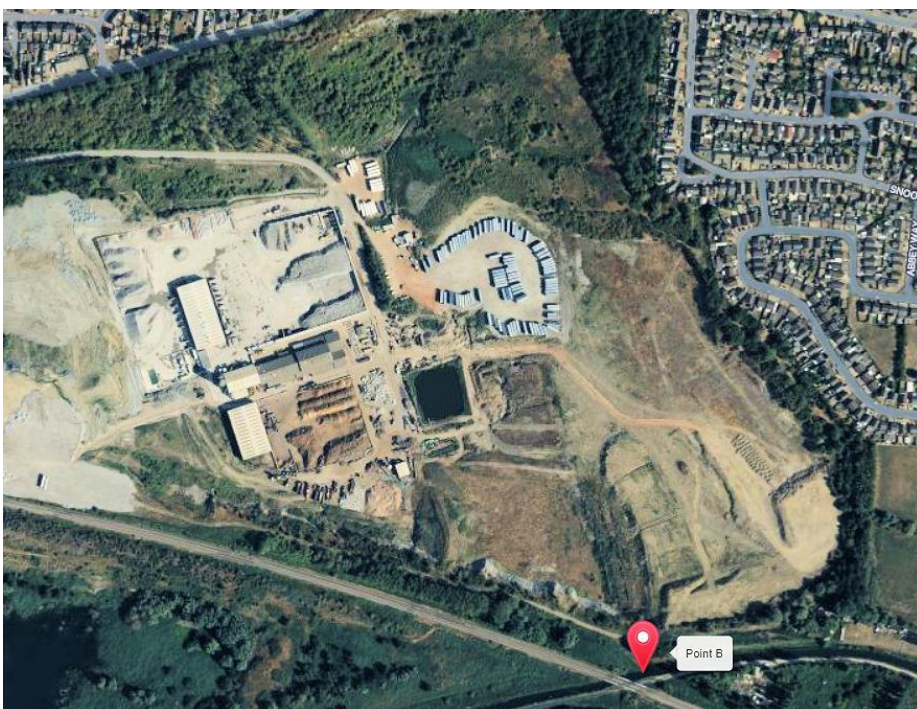
A trade effluent permit request has now finally been published covering 4560 cubic meters per day and is open for public consultation (see link below). **The consultation currently closes on the 04/06/24.**

Saxongate has the full document pack. We will be requesting that the EA consider increased testing criteria to cover the potential risk from IBA/IBAA contamination. We would also like to see automated real time water quality testing. We think some form of interim filtration should also be considered until the proposed scheme of ponds and reed beds are all in place to help purify any effluent discharge.

The attached photo shows the site and the approximate discharge point (point B).

Application EPR/YB3895AC/A001

[PE7 1PJ, East Midlands Waste Management Limited: environmental permit application advertisement - EPR/YB3895AC/A001 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)



Larger picture below...

In other news, regarding the Mega- Incinerator planned for Wisbech. It has been reported that the government-department DEFRA is highly likely to extend a controversial pause on the awarding of environmental permits to new energy-from-waste plants beyond this week. the pause, which is officially due to end on Friday, will likely be extended, although the precise length of the extension is currently unclear.

[Government to extend controversial permit pause | ENDS Waste & Bioenergy \(endswasteandbioenergy.com\)](https://endswasteandbioenergy.com)

The legal decision of the judicial review (actioned by Fenland Council) to try and stop this Mega-Incinerator, which was approved for Wisbech by the Government in February is still due at the end of May.

Even If the original approval stands, the site will still need an environmental permit.

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